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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Shougo SATO

Group Art Unit: 2852

Application No.: 10/764,477

Examiner: R. WALSH

Filed: January 27, 2004

Docket No.: 118483

For: DEVELOPING DEVICE USED IN IMAGE FORMING DEVICE

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A personal interview was held with Examiners Walsh and Gray on November 30, 2006, with regard to the above-identified application. Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by the Examiners at the personal interview. The reason presented in the interview resulted in favorable action, which is incorporated into the remarks below and constitutes Applicant's record of the interview.

During the personal interview, the distinguishing features of independent claims 1, 9, 16 and 17 with respect to Japanese Publication No. 2003-005515 to Iwasaki et al. (Iwasaki) and U.S. Patent No. 5,495,322 to Wada et al. (Wada) were discussed. The points presented parallel the arguments asserted in the Amendment filed on November 7, 2006.

Because the Examiners agreed during the personal interview that the rejections of the claims over Iwasaki and Wada are overcome, prompt allowance is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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